



Neighborhood News

The Newsletter of The Old Third Ward Association, Inc.
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Dear Neighbors:

Development along the River is being pursued by the City in the form of Heritage Park and most recently, the Paper Hall of Fame in the Atlas Mill building. Our neighborhood concerns are not necessarily antithetical to such developments and many of us applaud a renewed interest in the River. However, we do continue to monitor and to communicate our concerns with regard to parking and traffic patterns which will inevitably arise when such development becomes a reality. The neighborhood would be significantly changed if Jackman and Water Streets become heavily traveled and widened.

Many people have asked us what we will do with the money raised from the home tour. Some of the ideas we are researching and/or acting upon are: Creating a book of stories, history and pictures of the OTW, Research for placing more individual homes on the National Register. Creating a means to access home restoration information and sources for those who are working on their homes.

Speaking of stories and pictures, this newsletter relates some of the pictures and stories that people have been kind enough to give us. We are constantly looking for more. If a relative grew up in the OTW, perhaps a family album contains pictures of people and houses. We welcome all stories no matter how trivial. From little pieces, the whole picture grows.

Linda Muldoon, Editor, Neighborhood News

Hickory Nuts and A Mean Old Dog

The Blackwood House existed on the corner of 5th and Elm. The current home sits on the foundation of this earlier house. Josiah Blackwood was a Civil War veteran and for many years ran an ice company from his house on Fifth St. with ice cutting operations at Lutz Park. Later, he worked for American Express Delivery service. His father, Obediah Blackwood was one of the founders of Hortonville. A longtime resident of the OTW, Tom Mullen, remembers Mrs. Emma Blackwood but from a child's point of view. He said brambles were purposefully grown on the corner of 5th and Elm to keep the kids from shortcutting across the corner.

DOGGED DELIVERY: Those fellows down at the American Express office insist on having all the latest improvements. Their latest is the addition of a new member to the delivery force. It's all Blackwood's doings. Blackwood bought or borrowed or — well, Blackwood in some way has obtained possession of a bulldog which is homely enough to explode dynamite, and carries the said dog around with him on the seat of the delivery wagon. While Blackwood goes inside and holds people up for unpaid express charges, the dog sits on the wagon and speculates on how big a chunk he will bite out of the first man who monkeys with the company's property. Post—1890



A Painful Expedition.
Judge Ryan Monday issued a warrant for the arrest of one, Charles Darrack of Grand Chute for assault and battery. It seems according to the story that Elmer Blackwood, son of J. E. Blackwood and a young acquaintance started off Sunday with a horse to gather hickory nuts. They were thus engaged when Darrack came up. He took their whip away from them and thrashed them with it and after keeping the whip, their dinners and the nuts they had picked sent them home. The boys parents propose to have some sort of satisfaction.

Appleton Post—1889

The Mullen children sit in front of 412 and 406 W. Fifth St. circa 1920's. The house in the distance is the early Blackwood home. Photo from Tom Mullen.

Beer bottling is a nuisance

From The Appleton Post October 1889
There is much complaint among residents of the Third ward in the vicinity of the corner of Cherry and Fourth streets on account of disturbances of the peace at night in a beer bottling establishment located there.
The proprietors do not pay any license, and during the daytime the beer in which the bottling is carried on is quiet enough, but at night the clan gathers and makes Rome howl until the early morning hours. Proceedings are now on foot to abate the nuisance.

GRAFFITI

This spring, while cleaning debris on the bluff overlooking Water and Jackman Streets, Jayne McCormick, noticed that the Bridge Graffiti artists were at work. She suggested to them that they not throw their empty paint cans on the hill. Not only did these young people embark on a clean up, they asked for additional trash bags to aid them in cleaning up debris left by others. If you have seen these young people at work, you might have noticed that their work is planned and respects the images already present on the wall.

Dangerous Pastime—1891

In these days of safety recalls and Surgeon General Reports, old newspapers reveal the perils of everyday life with vivid descriptions. Appleton had its share of industrial accidents, collisions with trains and streetcars, runaway horses and in one tragic story from January, 1891, the deaths of three young people whose sled fell into the River at the bottom of Lawe Street. In the same issue a short article reveals the narrow escape of other children on Prospect Street:

"A party of boys who went coasting Sunday came near meeting with as sad an accident as that which occurred at the foot of Lawe Street hill Saturday night. Had the double runner upon which they sat passed the railroad track a moment later the result would have

been too horrible to relate. For some time past children have made a practice of coasting on Prospect Street in front of Edward West's, where the sleds pass down the long slope onto Pearl Street between the two flour mills. (Fox River Mills). It was at this point where the party had its narrow escape from being run over by a locomotive which grazed the rear boy's clothing as it sped by."

Another early danger is relayed on the other end of OTW in the same month: (The Post, Jan., 1891):

"Had it not been for Charles Fisher and C.C. Wayland, John Stummer of Menasha would have met a most horrible death Friday night. Shortly after 6 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Stummer left Alberty's Hotel on Walnut Street for home with a high-spirited horse. They had proceeded only a block or two when Mr. Stummer was thrown out, his foot catching in one of the braces of the cutter. In this way, he was dragged until the runaway horse was stopped by the above named gentlemen. Though bruised and bleeding Mr. Stummer was not so badly injured, but that he could drive home when he once more got possession of the reins. It is needless to say that Mrs. Stummer and baby, who remained in the cutter all the time, was nearly frightened to death."

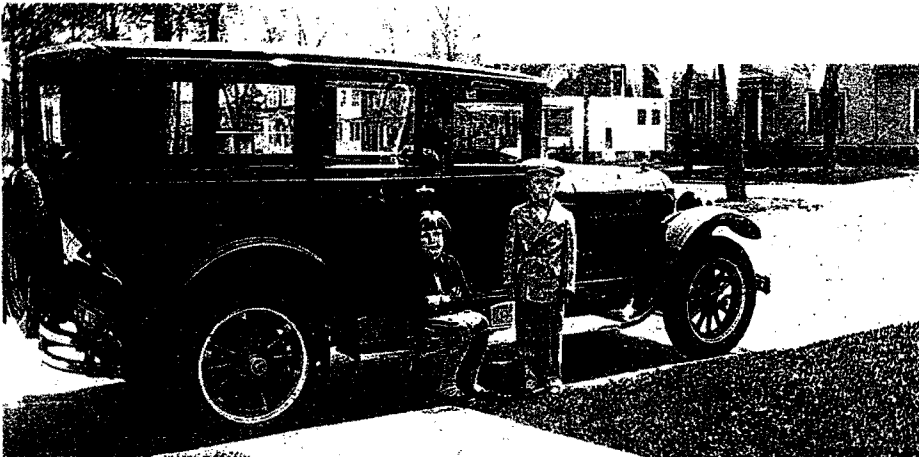
Alberty lived in the house on the sw corner of 7th and Walnut. His hotel existed for many years on the se corner of College and Walnut. C.C. Wayland was a lumber dealer and a prominent grocer whose house was/is on the se corner of 7th and State.

OTW POLITICS IN 1890

Sometimes reading old newspapers gives us a perspective on our lives today. For example, the following pre-election wrap-up outlines local politics in the OTW in March of 1890 (Appleton Post):

Truman Enos was a carpenter who lived on the ne corner of Lawrence and

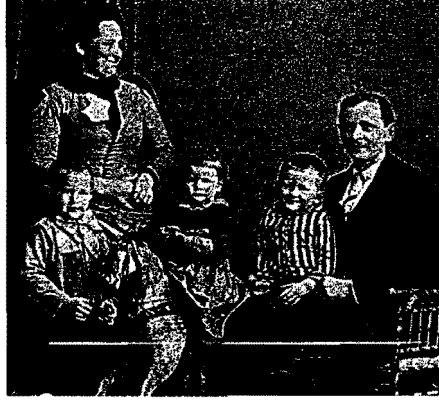
Nearly all the boys in the Third ward are waiting for the clouds to roll by. Lemar Olmstead, Fred Blood, Stillman Fiah and Jacob Kober are being perplexed by the importunate demands of their admirers to rise and shine. Mr. Fiah is the retiring alderman but there is little likelihood of his having an uninterrupted swim to the pool of municipal repose. In the event of a contingency developing whereby the ward is left without an available candidate the devotees to Mr. Charles Trettin will single him out as a peace offering on the altar of their ambition. He is popular and capable and the conservative element in the ward would not hesitate to waft him forward with flying colors. In any event the Third ward will not be designated by a blank when the smoke of the battle shall have cleared away. Truman Enos, Orlando Clark, John Nolan and Bert Harper are the representatives from which a supervisor will be created, providing J. P. Buck does enter the arena with an impenetrable coat of mail. They are gentlemen competent to gratify the most exacting in the discharge of functional obligations. It can be depended on however, that neither one of them will deluge the realm with revenue for the plume of victory.



Don and Marion Schreiter standing in front of the house on the nw corner of Walnut and 6th. Looking east toward 6th, the house on the corner was the former Casa Clare. Photo courtesy of the Schreiter family.

Memorial; Orlando Clark, lawyer, lived on Memorial Drive near Third; John Nolan lived on the sw corner of Walnut and 7th; J.P. Buck owned App. Boot and Shoe Company and built the house which was the former Casa Clare on the sw corner of Walnut and 6th; Bert Harper was a meat market proprietor who lived and worked on the corner of 8th and State (on property now used by Catholic Central Grade School). Mr. Harper met an untimely death in Jan., 1906 when as he made meat deliveries in his wagon, he slipped his pipe into the pocket of his fur coat thereby ignit-

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The Kamps' home as it appeared on 8th Street with the old Brewery in the background. This property is now a parking lot for the Justice Center; also a photo of Henry Kamps and family. *Courtesy of Jean Kamps.*

Appleton Post, Nov. 1890

Henry Kamps received the weather signal flags this week and some of them were displayed upon his store building. There are four signal flags used — a square blue flag indicating rain or snow; a black triangular flag used as a temperature signal; and a white flag with a black square in the center which is the cold wave signal.

The reading of these flags is very simple. The black temperature signal when placed above the white or blue flag indicates that warmer weather is to be expected. When below, it indicates colder weather, and when omitted, stationary temperature or a variation of less than four degrees from the temperature at the same hour the previous day.

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 ing the fur. This information was graciously passed on to us by Lorraine Schellinger, a relative.)

Lemar Olmstead, another lawyer lived on the nw corner of 4th and State, Stillman Fish (what a fascinating name), was a grocer residing on Memorial near College; Jacob Kober was a partner in the drygoods establishment of Peerenboom and Kober and lived on the north side of 8th between Walnut and State.

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**Become a Supporting Member of the
 Old Third Ward Neighborhood Association, Incorporated**

Voting memberships are open to residents, both homeowner and tenant, and non-resident property owners. "Friends" are non-resident, non-voting members who wish to support the purpose of the association financially.

Membership Categories

Friend	\$10 or more	Sponsor	\$100 or more
Resident/Property Owner	\$15 "	Sustain	\$250 "
Family	\$25 "	Benefactor	\$500 "
Patron	\$50 "		

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From the President

It's going to happen again this year. It happens every year at about this same time. The time will start to fly by and before we know it, the holidays will be upon us. We will all wonder how it came so quickly, and declare how next year will be different. Other than the holidays, another event is approaching as well: the Annual Meeting for the OTW. This will be held in December and one of the tasks to be completed at the meeting will be to fill vacant board seats.

To be a board member of the OTW, you don't have to have any special qualifications, just a desire to help maintain and improve our beautiful neighborhood; the desire to work with your neighbors for the greater good of us all. You do not have to be a homeowner. You could be a renter, a landlord, or a business owner. The point is that the OTW is open to everyone with an interest in the neighborhood. We need to have a board that offers diverse points of view and fresh ideas.

As the fall season is running by us, if you find that being a member of the OTW board interests you, please give myself or any of the other board members a call. We will be glad to answer any questions that you have and give you an idea of what neighborhood involvement might include. I hope to hear from many of you.

Jim Rader, President

Historic District

In March, a meeting was held with James Draeger of the State Historical Society and with representatives from the OTW and from the City Park Neighborhood. During this meeting, information was given out about State and Federal Historic Districts and their advantages. The City of Appleton has a local Historic Preservation Ordinance. Thus, we have three layers of historic district status possible: local, state and national. A part or parts of the neighborhood could become a district. The State and National levels give tax credits for home improvements. We would like to have a general meeting where more detailed information can be discussed.

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Lovely Trash

When work was being done on Heritage Park, an early crib dam was filled in. The bricks found during the excavation were embossed with "C&BL CO". Such bricks are cream colored and have been used extensively in the neighborhood being discovered in chimneys and foundations. Most recently, the early entryway to Flanagan's Store on College revealed these bricks being used. We have been trying to track down the source. One possibility involves an early local brick company whose headquarters was located on the west side of Walnut Street just south of 4th. The J. Carver Brick Co. was in operation during the 1870's and 1880's.

www.oldthirdward.org.

Thanks to Pat and Jayne McCormick, the OTW is now global. The above mentioned website is reserved for us and the Home Tour has been downloaded. Watch for future developments.